

Press Release

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Maine Recycles Week 2005

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Maine Recycles Week begins Tuesday, November 8, and continues through November 15, 2005. Recycling takes place on the community level – in homes, businesses, and in schools. Each resident of the State is encouraged to thank their neighbors for taking the time to recycle or encourage them to join our recycling team. It is important for each of us to recognize how important it is to recycle to the best of our ability and to buy products made from recycled materials.

In the State of Maine, Maine Recycles Week is celebrated from November 8th to the 15th of each year, ending on America Recycles Day, November 15th which is just six months from April 22nd Earth Day. The two events share a common interest in recognizing the need to protect our planet and all of its most valuable resources. Maine Recycles Week has the added benefit of recognizing the public and municipal efforts.

After achieving two statewide recycling rate goals, we have been unable to forge ahead to capture the ever elusive statewide goal of 50% recycling. If we were to set our sites on achieving the 50% goal in each of our communities or at least raising our good measure by 5% this year and each year until all of us exceed the 50% goal, we will prove that we truly care about our State. We can reach 50% recycling in the State of Maine – many communities accomplish this goal consistently with their annual efforts. Let's do it this year for the State, RECYCLE for ME!, and show that we care by sustaining great rates in the years ahead.

The Waste Management and Recycling Program of the State Planning Office urges each and every citizen of Maine to embrace and practice the principles of the Waste Management Hierarchy. Beginning with the Recycling Hierarchy – Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle, we can recognize that all of us are important and needed to achieve our recycling goals.

By doing our part, we can in six months celebrate on Earth Day our successes of Maine Recycles Week. For more information on Maine Recycles Week 2005, or recycling in general, please visit the web site of the Recycling and Waste Management Program of the State Planning Office - www.recyclemaine.com.

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